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Fifty-four cadets from M. M. A. went into camp on the W. W. Mundy farm near Moline last week.

Miss Sterrett of near Santa Fe, who was terribly burned while burning brush in her yard several weeks ago, is yet in a serious condition. She has been taken to a hospital in Iowa for treatment.

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Will oil fix the roads? We are yet a little skeptical on that point.

The Jingoos want Uncle Sam to jump into war with Mexico. My, how they have been playing for that. And up North they are now trying to foment trouble in Canada. A market must be found for guns and scheming politicians are interested also.

Underwear for the family.
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David H. Robertson has severed his connection with the Webash Railroad as attorney. Mr. Robertson has a large general law practice otherwise.

The English sparrow does not belong in this country. He fights away our native birds. He's no good. Smite him hip and thigh. Get rid of him.

Chris Kentzel of this city has moved to Peoria, Ill.

Fred Ruse, son of Frank Ruse, has been suffering with a bad case of blood poisoning lately. His trouble commenced from a small scratch on his hand after wearing a new pair of gloves.

Mrs. Jim Fegan died at Laddonia last week.

Rev. Claude Hill, well remembered in Audrain county, a former pastor of the Christian church at Wellsville, has been called to the pastorate of a Christian church at Chattanooga, Tenn., at a salary of \$1,800 a year. Rev. Hill has been located at Valparaiso, Ind., since 1909, and in that time has received 1,000 members into his church.

The graduating exercises of the Farber high school were held last week. The class address was delivered by Warren Jones, professor of English at the Kirksville Normal School. The graduates were Misses Mary Lemasters, Marie Crow, Lucy Reighley and Warrie Chase.

Phil Rogers (Casey), son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rogers, northeast of Mexico, has bought The News, at Stone Lake, Wisconsin, and will rush headlong into the newspaper business. He wants his friends in Audrain to subscribe for his paper, and that's what you'll all want to do. See his advertisement in this issue of the Message. Casey is a good one. He will put fun and good sense in his paper and lots of business. We wish him abundant success.

Mr. Albert Kettry and Miss Clara Stephens, both of this city, were married Friday. Rev. O. Olin Green officiating.

Mrs. Edward Kuhne and small daughter of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Kuhne's parents here, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Berrey.

Miss Ruth Rouse has returned from a visit to her sister at Sturgeon, Mrs. J. S. Logsdon.

Hamilton Bros., south of Mexico, sold a fine Jack to John Arnold of Callaway County for \$800.

John B. Graham has sold his building on the south side of the Public Square to Fred A. Morris for \$6,500.

The base ball season for the Central Missouri League opened in Mexico Sunday. Mexico against Moberly. Mexico lost. The score was 3 to 1.

THOMPSON LETTER.

Mrs. James Woolery Dead—Robert Davis Moves Back to Missouri.

Thompson, Mo., May 1.—We had a fine rain Sunday night. It will be a great benefit to the grass and oats.

Mrs. James Wisdom attended her uncle's funeral, Mr. Hunt, at Santa Fe, last week.

Robert Davis and family of California are here visiting their children and other friends and relatives. Mr. Davis has traded his California property for a farm at West Plains, Mo.

Sumner Davis and family visited their uncle, Mr. Phil Ecton and family, Sunday.

Will Riggs and wife visited the former's parents, J. M. Riggs and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Woolery, wife of Jas. Woolery, passed away Sunday at 10 a. m. at her home north of Gant, aged 34 years. She had only been sick about ten days, with pneumonia. Mrs. Woolery was a fine Christian woman, a good neighbor, a loving wife and affectionate mother. She will be sadly missed by all her neighbors and friends. She leaves a husband, two daughters—Carrie and Eula, and one son, Reed, and two brothers, Henry and John Vahce, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Renie, of Centralia, and scores of relatives and friends who mourn her death. Her funeral was preached at Salt River, and the remains were laid to rest in that cemetery. The entire community extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones in this sad hour.

RECITALS AT HARDIN.

May 4. Graduate Recital—Piano and Voice. Pupils of Prof. Guerne and Miss Hurd.

May 8. Graduate Recital—Voice. Miss Anna Ockrassa, Pupil of Miss Gupton.

May 11. Graduate Recital—Violin and Piano. Pupils of Miss Braton and Prof. Guerne.

May 12. May Fete.

May 18. Post-Graduate Recital—Piano. Pupils of Prof. Guerne.

May 19. Graduate Recital—Expression. Pupils of Miss Dickinson.

May 22. Graduate Recital—Piano. Miss Lottie Pigg, Pupil of Prof. Guerne.

May 25. Art Levee.

May 28. Baccalaureate Sermon—Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn.

May 29. Alumnae Luncheon.

May 30. Class Day Exercises, 10 a. m.

May 30. 8 p. m. Commencement Address—"The Spiritual Element in History," Prof. Raymond A. Schweger, University of Kansas.

Mrs. Susan L. Peyton after a year's residence in Kansas City has returned to Mexico to live.

Billy Sunday is conducting a big revival in Kansas City. Over 35,000 people heard him last Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Harrison has been quite ill of bronchitis.

The Laddonia Herald is offered for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCord of this city returned last week from a visit to the families of R. A. Lewton, Tom Brace and John Day, near Laddonia.

Luther and Louis Slavens of Laddonia and Roy Wayne of Mexico have taken up claims, we understand, near Roberts, Montana, and will move their families to that country to live.

Rev. J. D. Greer of Mexico preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class at Clark, Mo., last week. Bro. Greer is pastor of the Christian church at Clark.

Coal mining at Martinsburg is to be abandoned.

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MISCHIEVOUS MAGIC.

One of the Very Best Performances Ever Given in The City.

"Mischievous Magic," the three-act operetta presented by McMillan High School Chorus Club, in McMillan auditorium last Friday night, has won unbounded applause for the participants and especially for the authors and originators of the play.

The words of the play were written by Robert L. Campbell, the plot was well sustained, and the parts seemed written to suit the characteristics of the various actors. Surely Mr. Campbell has demonstrated a rare ability in authorship.

Miss Maude Orita Wallace was composer of all the music, both the songs, choruses, and instrumental parts. While Miss Wallace sustains a reputation in the realm of musical composition, the numbers presented in this play add to her laurels.

Mrs. Jesse, Mr. James Culbertson and Mr. Howard Wayne, with Miss Wallace at the piano, composed the Orchestra.

Miss Cook and her class of Domestic Science helped in the costumes. Mr. McCreery assisted in stage preparations and Miss Etheridge and the Art students made special scenery for the occasion.

Such a demand was there for seats for the play that three performances were given, all to big audiences. Thursday afternoon was a matinee for the school childrens and their many friends. On Saturday night the play was repeated because of the failure of many who wished to see the play to get seats for Friday.

It is quite a job for one man to raise 100,000 plants—sweet potato, cabbage and tomato—on a lot 80x40 feet, with space out for house and walks. But a Rockport, Mo., man does it. More than that, this man of performance is so nearly blind he can only distinguish the difference between daylight and darkness. S. E. Speakman is this marvel of industry. Last fall Speakman, unaided, dug a cellar under his house, removing the dirt as he tunneled. And then he helped level the earth after he had carried it outside.

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The Rain of May.

There must be orchards in the clouds,
Hid in their deepest gloom,
For all the raindrops yesterday
Were sweet with apple-bloom.

There must be gardens, too, for when
I stole out in the wet,
And sniffed the rain still pelted down,
I saw and smelled a violet.

A Rural Pastorless Church Has Yielded Great Power for Good

Union Chapel Presbyterian Organization Southeast of Mexico—Irreverently Called "Seed Tick"—Organized in 1871—A Full List of Those Who Have Been Members.

Written for The Message by H. B. Earks.

This church, at first called Harmony, later Union Chapel, and irreverently, through popularity styled "Seed Tick," was organized by The Rev. Charles Pueller on the 27th of July, 1871. There were 14 charter members whose names are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William Dishman, Obadiah Dishman and wife, Rebecca Dishman, W. H. Byrns and wife, Narcissa Byers, W. C. Hamilton and wife, Jane Hamilton, John W. McKee and wife, C. M. McKee, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Bessie McKee, Miss S. B. Dishman and Hugh Williams.

A covenant was entered into binding the members of the organization to maintain the doctrines and form of government of The Presbyterian church.

On the same day three elders and two deacons were elected; namely: Wm. Dishman, W. C. Hamilton and J. W. McKee, elders, and Obadiah Dishman, and Hugh Williams, deacons.

The other elders who have served this church are John Dishman, R. Caldwell, J. S. Thomas and Hugh Williams. The deacons, Mr. Pitzer and John Dishman.

There has been a Sunday School maintained almost from the start jointly with the Baptist brethren. The church building is owned in common with the Baptists, which accounts for the name Union Chapel—in this instance an appropriate title for the most complete harmony exists between the two bodies.

The records show 73 meetings of Session, the most of which were for the reception of members. J. S. Thomas served as clerk of Session from 1882 until his death last winter—his signature appearing on the records as clerk sixty-six times. This brother was universally respected and beloved on account of his sterling native qualities and his genuine, unaffected piety. It is said of him by those who are conversant with the facts, that he read his Bible through again and again and that he never failed to hold family prayers morning and evening, up to the time of his last illness.

Brother Hugh Williams was another faithful member and useful officer. He could be depended on to represent his Session in Presbytery and for many years he was a familiar figure in the meetings of that body. He was a great sufferer and much handicapped in service for the church by a distressing malady, but his interest in the church never declined.

Brother R. Caldwell is the sole remaining Elder. He is well on in the eighties but remains the only bond to hold the church together. W. C. Hamilton, in the course of time, took membership with the Benton City church which he served with his customary faithfulness until the end.

Brother John W. McKee and Obadiah Dishman were good and faithful office-bearers in their day. They have long since passed on to their reward.

The ministers who have served this church are W. W. Robertson, who was supply for a short time, H. P. S. Willis, a long list of college students, Hinet, Alexander, Revis, Drake, etc. Also Dr. A. A. Wallace, Dr. Cowan, Dr. Gordon, and other near-by pastors have frequently visited the congregation, holding meetings and preaching funerals.

Union Chapel has been almost a pastorless church the entire time of its existence. In fact it never had a regularly installed pastor nor any supply who stayed with it long enough to sow the necessary seed and cultivate the soil. Meeting after meeting has been held and there have been some gatherings, but there has been no preacher to abide with the flock and train and instruct and cause the church to grow in numbers and in service.

The following is a list of those who have been members: Hugh Williams, Mrs. Staples, R. Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell, J. S. Thomas, Martha D. Crum, Mary J. Byers, P. H. Crum, John Dishman, Annie Dishman, Rebecca Caldwell, Lizzie Moras, Novia McClure, Maggie Sanford, Alec Byers, Emma Byers, William Underwood, Ida Underwood, Ollie Underwood, Bud Caldwell, Wilson Thomas, Gertie Thomas, Yeaman Byrns, Mr. Harlow, Thomas Harlow, Tillie Harlow, William Byers, Mrs. Byers, Frankie Byers, Gentry Lockridge, Mr. Pitzer, Mrs. Pitzer, Nellie Pitzer, Della Pitzer, Sadie Byrns, Mr. Walker, Jas. Walker, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Emma Green, Jas. Moss, Mrs. Moss, Arthur McDonald, Annie McDonald, Mr. Britt, Joseph Byers, Mrs. Byers, Clarence Byers, Mr. Cullers, Mrs. Hudson, Luke Staples, May Kinslow, Mrs. Williams, William A. Kinslow, T. Staples, Mrs. Staples, Nancy Thomas, W. D. Thomas, Martha D. Thomas, May J. Byrns, Mrs. Wm. Freeman, P. H. Crum, Annie Dishman, Mr. Hudson.

Although the membership of Union Chapel has never been large yet its influence has been excellent in the community, and the church has sent forth to other congregations many of its members to cast the weight of their character and influence on the side of faith and godly living.

LADDONIA LETTER.

Mrs. Fegan Passes Away—Mrs. Alexander With Coal Oil.

Under Burned While Kindling Laddonia, Mo., May 1.—Mrs. Ella Fegan, who had been seriously ill all winter and spring, died last Thursday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Whitehouse. Funeral preached by Rev. White at the Christian church. Mrs. Fegan was a most estimable woman, a kind daughter and devoted mother and a true friend. She united with Littleby Baptist church about 17 years ago where she retained her membership until the Master's call to the Church Triumphant. She is survived by two sons, Roscoe of Sacramento, Cal., and a young son, Ralph, who lived with her until her death. She leaves also to mourn her death an aged mother and a brother and a sister. May God guard and protect little Ralph who will miss a mother's love and care.

Mrs. Arch Alexander suffered severe burns on her face and one arm one day last week from an explosion of coal oil while attempting to start a fire in a hard coal burner. Dr. McCall dressed the burns and she is now about recovered.

Ote Bernard and family are moving into the Adams property on Second street this afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Slavens is entertaining her sister, Miss Maud Azdell, of Mexico.

A. L. Self and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. Karl Fegan last week and incidentally did some paper hanging for Mrs. Fegan.

The B. Y. P. U., Christian Endeavor and the two Epworth Leagues held a joint session last evening at the Baptist church. The rain probably kept many away, but a goodly number of persons were present. The talks were interesting and helpful. The subject was "How to Better Our Young Peoples' Societies."

Mrs. Rose Leet who has been ill for two weeks or more is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Sarah Kinder of Kinderhook, Ill., was at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Ella Fegan, in her last hours and attended the funeral. She will spend a few days with her mother and brother, Mrs. Whitehouse and Wesley Whitehouse.

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